CHAPTER 2

MORNING! LET'S GO TO SCHOOL TOGETHER!
NATSUMI KOSHIGAYA, 7TH GRADER.
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WHAT?
NYAN-PASUU!
I STILL DON'T GET IT.
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
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HM...?
NYAN
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WHOOP
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NYAN-PASUU!
PASUU!

NATTSUN, DID YOU SEE THE NEWS TODAY?
NAH, I WAS IN A HURRY, SO I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO WATCH TV.
I SEE... THE NEWS TODAY WAS REALLY EXCITING THOUGH
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
THERE'S A WINDOW BEHIND THE ANNOUNCER'S SEAT, AND THE ENTIRE TIME YOU COULD SEE A GUY DOING AEROBICS OUTSIDE.
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IT WAS REALLY GREAT...
WHAT'S EXCITING ABOUT THAT?
AND OTHER THAN THAT...

HM?
...NATTSUN...

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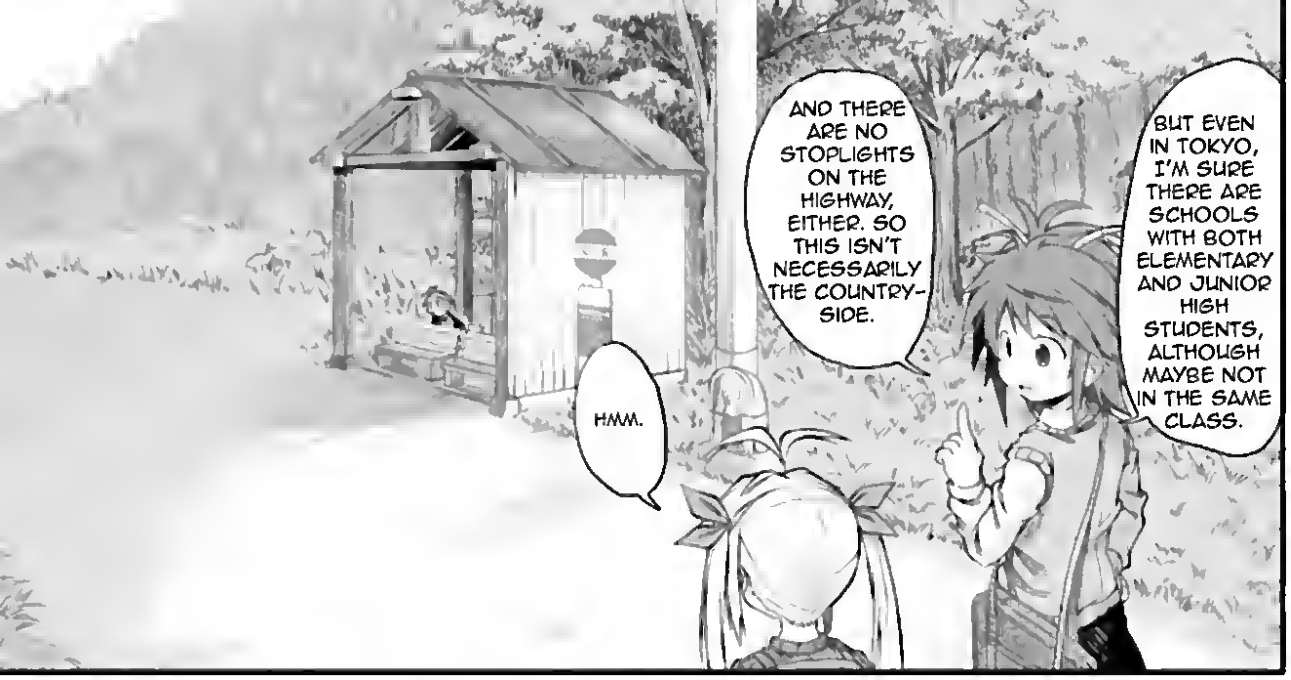
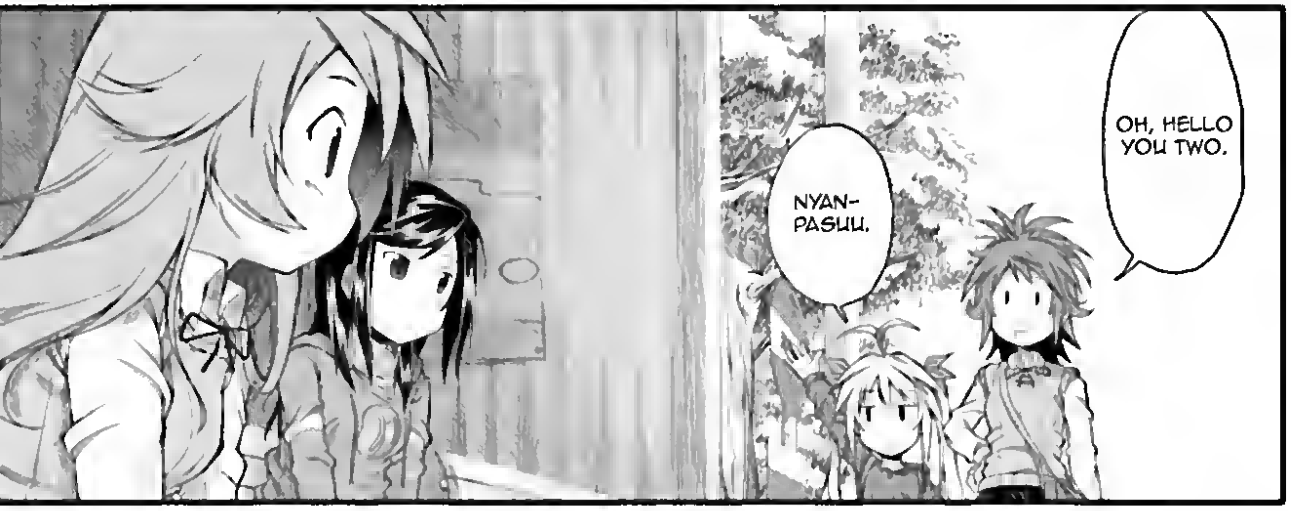
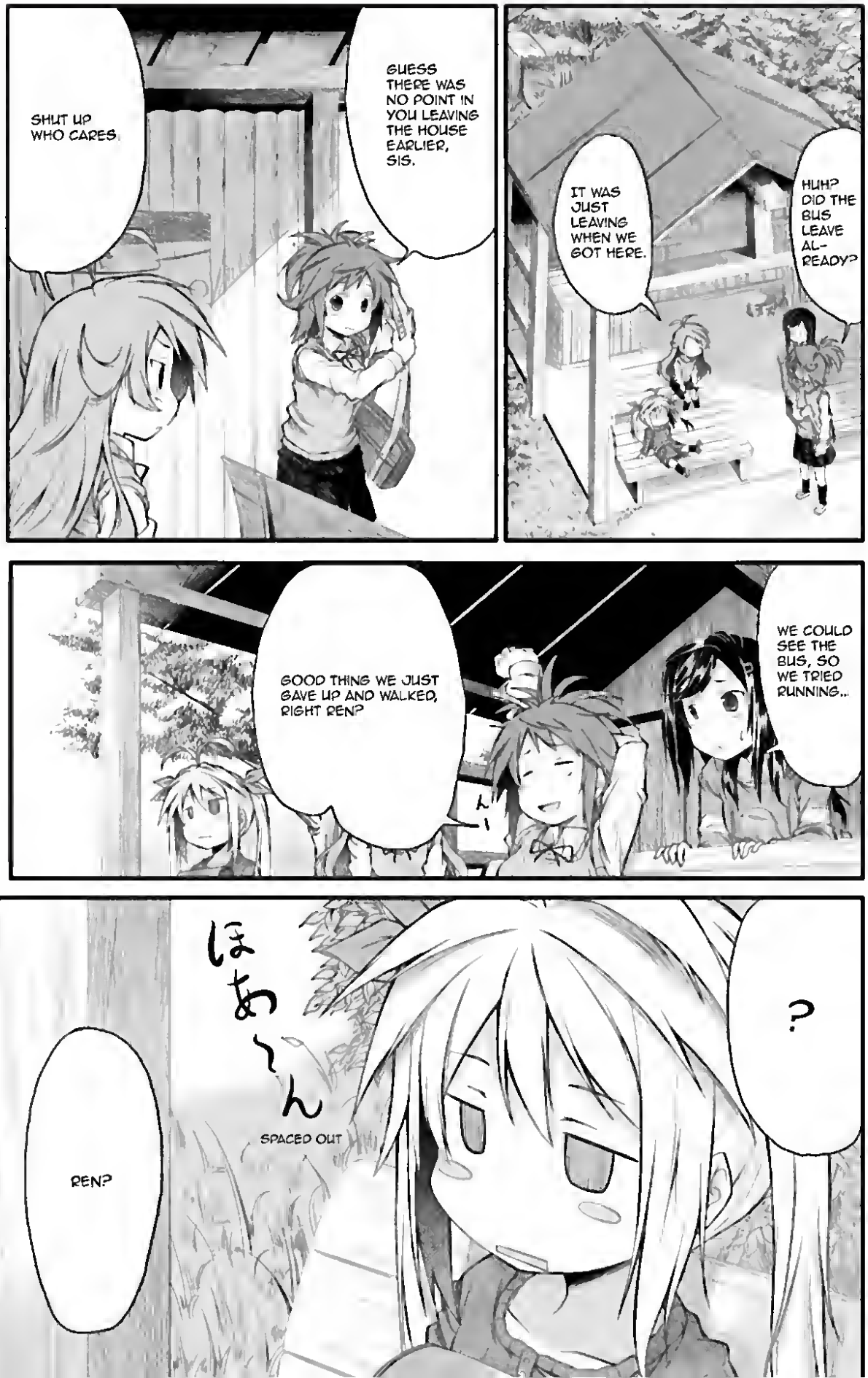
LIVE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE?
COULD IT BE THAT I..

AND OUR SCHOOL COMBINES ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL IN THE SAME CLASS. I NEVER HEAR ABOUT THAT IN OTHER PLACES.
YOU SEE THOSE ALL THE TIME THOUGH.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ALL OF THE SUDDEN?
WELL, THERE'S A COW...
CATTLE CROSSING
I SEE...
MMHMM.
AND ONE TIME SIS WAS DRIVING 50 KM/HR, AND ONE HOUR LATER SHE'D GONE EXACTLY 50 KM.
...YEAH, I KNOW...
UH...
...JUST SO YOU KNOW, EVEN GOING 50 KM/HR, YOU'D USUALLY RUN INTO STOPLIGHTS AND THINGS, AND WOULDN'T ACTUALLY GO 50 KM IN AN HOUR.


BUT EVEN IN TOKYO, I'M SURE THERE ARE SCHOOLS WITH BOTH ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS, ALTHOUGH MAYBE NOT IN THE SAME CLASS.
AND THERE ARE NO STOPLIGHTS ON THE HIGHWAY, EITHER. SO THIS ISN'T NECESSARILY THE COUNTRY-SIDE.
HMM.


OH, HELLO YOU TWO.
NYAN-PASUU.

YOU GUYS ARE LATE.
KOMORI KOSHIGAYA, 8TH GRADER
NATSUMI'S OLDER SISTER
GOOD MORNING!
HOTARU ICHIJO, 5TH GRADER


GUESS THERE WAS NO POINT IN YOU LEAVING THE HOUSE EARLIER, SIS.
SHUT UP WHO CARES.
HUH? DID THE BUS LEAVE AL-READY?
IT WAS JUST LEAVING WHEN WE GOT HERE.
WE COULD SEE THE BUS, SO WE TRIED RUNNING..
GOOD THING WE JUST GAVE UP AND WALKED, RIGHT REN?
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SPACED OUT
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REN?

BUT THERE'S A TANUKI LIVING IN OUR HOUSE, SO WE MUST BE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE, RIGHT?
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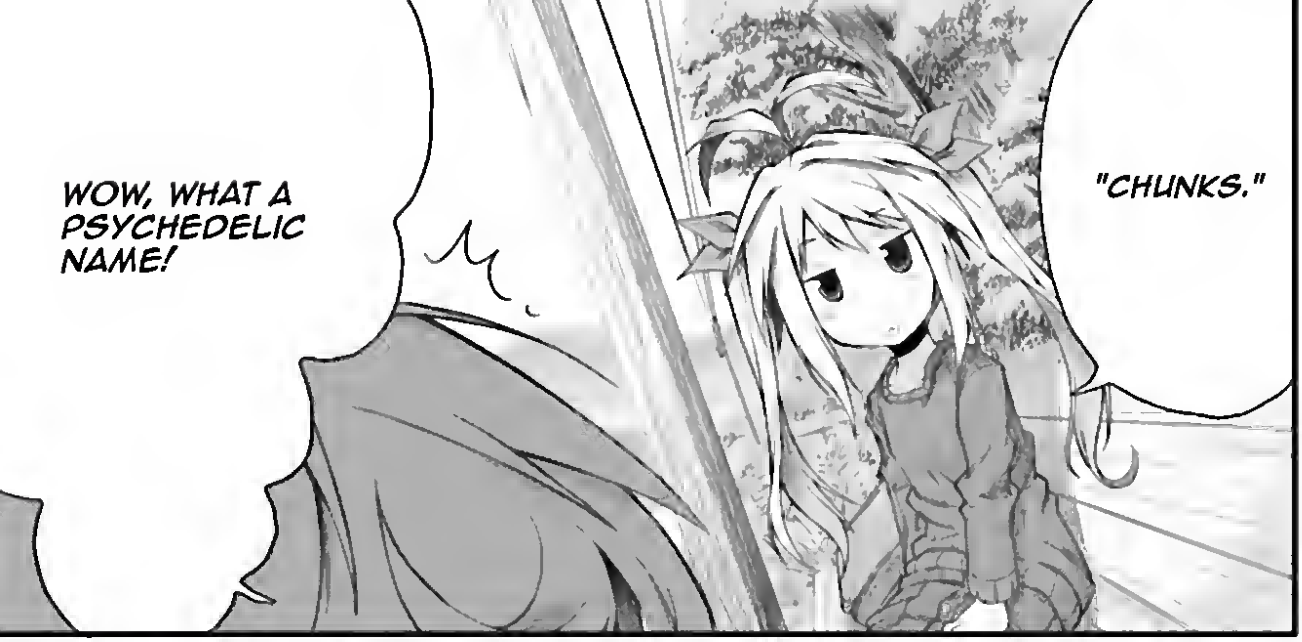
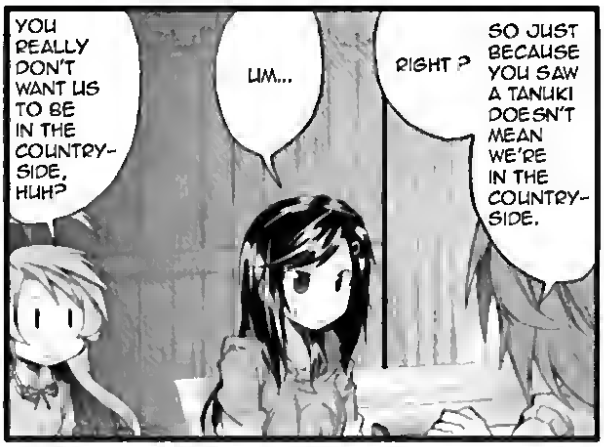
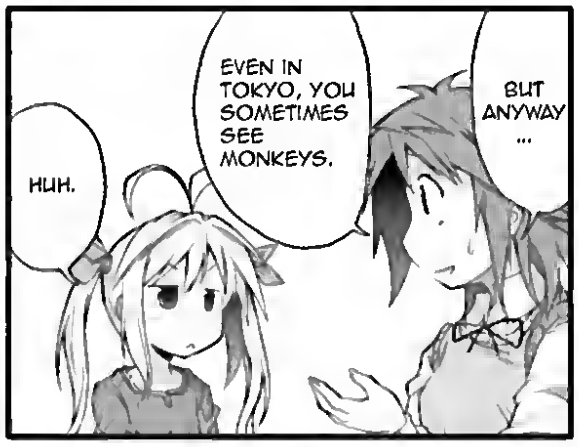
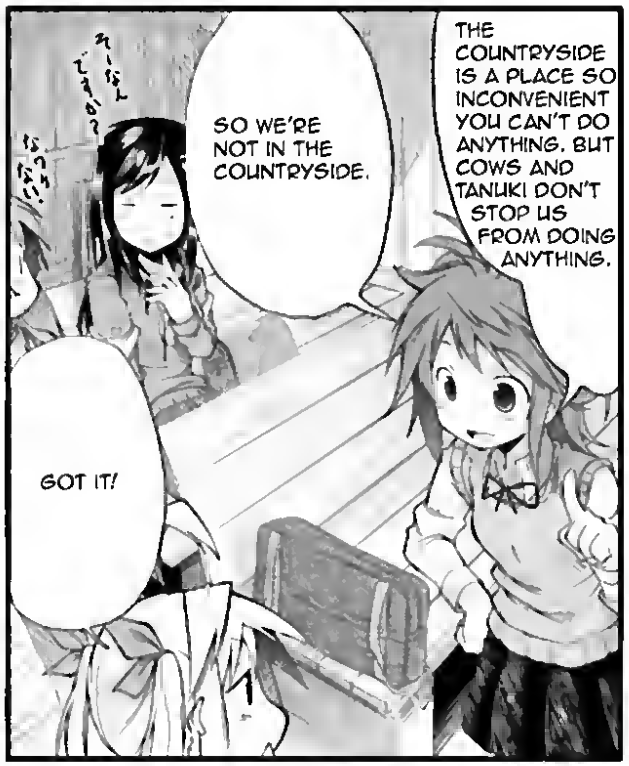
RIGHT?
YOU'RE STILL TALKING ABOUT THAT?
IS THIS THE COUNTRY-SIDE?
I SUPPOSE IT IS...
ABOUT WHAT?
OH, ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THIS IS THE COUNTRYSIDE.
NO NO, WE LIVE HERE, SO IT CAN'T BE THE COUNTRY-SIDE, RIGHT?
IS THAT TANUKI YOUR PET?
WELL, WE DID NAME IT.
WHAT'S ITS NAME?
THAT SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING YOU'D HEAR IN THE COUNTRY-SIDE...


"CHUNKS."
WOW, WHAT A PSYCHEDELIC NAME!

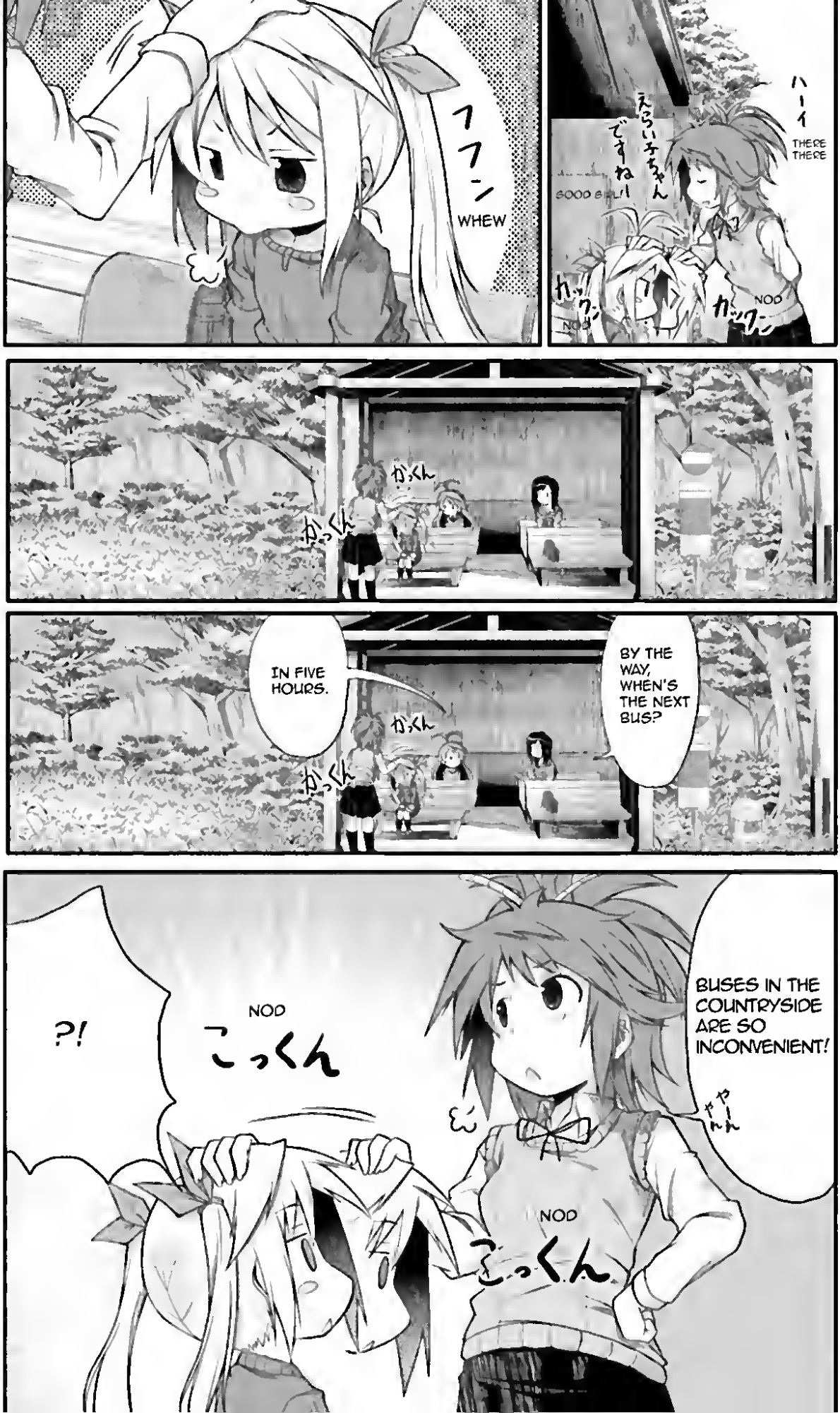

SO JUST BECAUSE YOU SAW A TANUKI DOESN'T MEAN WE'RE IN THE COUNTRY-SIDE.
RIGHT?
UM...
YOU REALLY DON'T WANT US TO BE IN THE COUNTRY-SIDE, HUH?


BUT ANYWAY ...
EVEN IN TOKYO, YOU SOMETIMES SEE MONKEYS.
HUH.

I SEE...
SO THIS ISN'T THE COUNTRY-SIDE...


THE COUNTRYSIDE IS A PLACE SO INCONVENIENT YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING. BUT COWS AND TANUKI DON'T STOP US FROM DOING ANYTHING.
SO WE'RE NOT IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.
GOT IT!

FOR SOME REASON I FEEL BETTER NOW.
GOOD, GOOD!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THERE THERE
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ですね!
GOOD GIRL!
カックン
NOD
カックン
NOD
かっくん
かっくん
かっくん
IN FIVE HOURS.
BY THE WAY, WHEN'S THE NEXT BUS?
BUSES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE ARE SO INCONVENIENT!
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NOD
こっくん
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NOD
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